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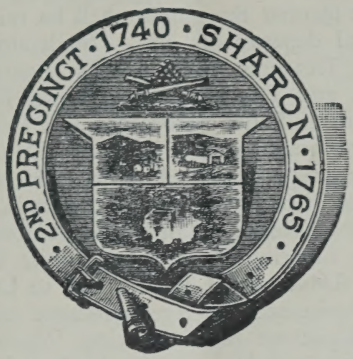

NORFOLK, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the High School Gymnasium in said Sharon, on Monday the Fourth day of March A.D. 1957, at 12:00 M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk; to wit: Moderator, One Year; One Selectman, Three Years; One Member, Board of Public Welfare, Three Years; One Assessor, Three Years; One Member, Board of Health, Three Years; Two Members, School Committee, Three Years; Two Trustees Public Library, Three Years; Two Members, Planning Board, Three Years; Three Constables, One Year; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot, to wit:

The Polls will be open at 12:00 o'clock Noon and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of said day.

The following articles will be acted on at the business session of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on the second Monday in March at 8 o'clock P.M., at the High School Auditorium.

Article 2. To hear the record of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Article 3. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three rs and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

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Article 4. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

Article 5. To hear the report of the Warrant Committee on the appropriation of money for the several departments, raise and appropriate the same and determine in what manner the money shall be raised to meet the several amounts for the several departments, viz.—Moderator, Warrant Committee, Selectmen, Accounting, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Assessors, Law, Town Clerk, Elections, Registrations and Town Meetings, Town Hall, Police Station and Grounds, Police Department, Police Ambulance, Fire Department, Public Works Department, Insect Extermination, Care of Trees, Dutch Elm Disease, Sealing Weights and Measures, Inspection of Buildings, Health Department, Public Health Nurse, Vital Statistics, Inspection of Animals, Highway Department, Road Machinery Account, Sidewalk Maintenance, Sidewalk Construction, Snow and Ice Removal, Street Lighting, Street Signs, Public Welfare, Public Welfare Administration, Aid to Dependent Children, Aid to Dependent Children Administration, Old Age Assistance, Old Age Assistance Administration, Disability Assistance, Disability Assistance Administration, Veterans Benefits, Vocational Tuition, School Department, Public Library, Memorial Day, Care of Veterans Graves, Town Reports, County Pension, Planning Board, Public Parks, Town Clock, Forestry Committee, Custodian Public Property, Board of Appeal, Town Dump, Gasoline Fund, Honor Roll, Care of Cemeteries, Railroad Underpass, Insurance, Civil Defense, Water Department, Interest, Bond Payments, Reserve Funds and all other regular Town Departments, and for other sums of money that may be appropriated under other articles of this warrant.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time on or after January 1, 1958, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to give the same power to the Collector of Taxes as the Town Treasurer has when he is appointed Collector of Taxes.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer $10,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant

We recommend the transfer of $7,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,000.00 from available funds. An additional $4,000.00 represents the State and County's share for Chapter 90 Maintenance and will be made available to the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $7,000.00 from available funds. An additional $21,000.00 represents the State and County's share for Chapter 90 Construction cost and will be made available to the Town.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the permanent construction of South Main Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and that the sum of $20,967.18 be appropriated for the permanent construction work on South Main Street and to meet this appropriation the sum of $20,967.18 be transferred from funds received under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Pine Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $300.00 from available funds for legal expenses and the setting of bounds.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way South Walpole Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $1,825.00 from available funds for legal expenses and the setting of bounds.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Roberta Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $225.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Gannett Terrace as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $300.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Carbrey Avenue as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $200.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Abbott Avenue as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $125.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Hampton Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $100.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Wilshire Drive as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $135.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Geissler Lane as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $50.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Carbrey Avenue Extension as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $300.00 from available funds for legal expenses and the setting of bounds.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Paul Revere Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action. If before Town Meeting all requirements are completed, we will change our recommendation to adoption and the transfer of $175.00 for legal expenses.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Alden Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $90.00 from available funds for legal expenses.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Canton Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $1,400.00 from available funds for legal expenses and the setting of bounds.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the laying out of streets in the town, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer from available funds of $4,000.00.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the installation of new street lights as follows:

Three on Pine Street
Four on South Walpole Street
Three on Roberta Road
One on Maskwonicut Street
Two on Alden Street
One on Abbott Avenue
Four on Gannett Terrace
One on Carbrey Avenue
One on Walpole Street
One on Hampton Road
One on Bay Road
Three on Wilshire Drive
Three on East Street
One on Geissler Lane
One on Gunhouse Street
One on Old Post Road
Three on Paul Revere Road
Five on Railroad Parking Lot

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $388.00 from available funds. We recommend the installation of 36 lights. The three lights on Paul Revere Road cannot be installed until the street is accepted by the Town. If the Town accepts this street under Article 23, we will recommend the installation of the three lights on Paul Revere Road and the additional transfer of $32.00.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for mosquito control in cooperation with the "Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project" or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $4,074.00 from available funds.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to rebuild the section of Ames Street from South Main Street to Pond Street, a distance of 1800 ft. plus or minus, to include widening, excavation and gravel fill, drainage, resurfacing and curbing, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $15,952.00. This rebuilding work is essential at this time to accommodate an expected increase in traffic on account of the new High School.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to rebuild the section of Pond Street from Ames Street to Beach Street, a distance

of 1700 ft. more or less, to include widening, excavation, gravel fill, drainage, curbing, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $11,065.00. This is an extension of the project under Article 29 and needed for the same reason.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Highway Division, Department of Public Works, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $23,500.00 from available funds. Of this amount $6,000.00 is for a Five-Ton Truck, $12,000.00 is for a 1½ cubic yard Loader, $2,500.00 for a Sander to be mounted on an existing truck, and $3,000.00 is for a Back-Hoe attachment.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for expansion and maintenance of the surfaced parking area on town owned property near the railroad station, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $1,000.00 from available funds. This will be used to relieve the continuing need for expanding the parking area on the easterly side of the tracks, all on Town owned land.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for exploration for gravel for town purposes, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,000.00 from available funds. Presently available gravel of suitable quality will soon be exhausted.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to build a new drainage system on Billings Street from Devils Brook to No. 155, a distance of 1540 ft., or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action. Because of the other street and drainage construction required this year we recommend that this project be postponed. We have an estimate of $21,752.00 for the project.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to build a gravel road for con-

struction purposes at the new elementary school on the so-called Monk Property, or take any action relating thereto, a distance of 646 ft., more or less.

School Committee

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $3,250.00. The above road construction will be on property wholly owned by the town. It will serve as a base for a permanent street after completion of the school.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to extend the water main from its proposed terminus on Wilshire Drive along the proposed extension of Wilshire Drive to service the new school, a distance of 646 ft., more or less, or take any action relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,480.00 from available funds.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the development of a new 24″ gravel-packed well in the vicinity of pumping station #1, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $8,400.00. This is a preliminary step in developing an additional water supply.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of additional water meters to complete the installation program started in 1956, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $47,250.00 of which the sum of $2,250.00 is to be raised in the tax levy of the current year and the balance of $45,000.00 is to be borrowed, to be repaid in not more than five years.

It seems sensible to install the remaining water meters as quickly as possible to

1. **Provide immediate equitable distribution of the costs of water.**
2. **Obtain benefit from our already and continuing substantial investments in meters, which under the present plan are depreciating with no return.**
3. **To guard against increased aquisition and installation costs.**

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to install an addressograph system in the Assessors Department, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for same or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Assessors

We recommend no action. Properly selected office machinery along with a well developed program for its use by the various de-

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partments in the Town Hall can result in worthwhile savings. We do not find that there is such a program that would result in sufficient use to justify purchase of the system. We have an estimate of approximately $4,800.00 for the Addressograph System.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a new automobile for the Public Health Nurse, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Health

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,000.00 from available funds. The present automobile, assigned to the Nurse, is worn out.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of an Aerial Ladder Truck for the use of the Fire Department, or take any action relating thereto.

Board of Fire Engineers

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $40,000.00 from available funds.

The present 26 year old equipment is so obsolete that it is a hazard to the operators as well as to occupants of the highways. In case of breakdown, repair parts are no longer available. For these reasons we must replace this equipment. In accordance with modern fire fighting techniques the advantage of aerial ladders, not only for tall buildings but for reaching one and two story buildings from above has been proven. An aerial ladder can be operated with a minimum of personnel which is a particular advantage to us where we use largely volunteer personnel.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a Committee of five to investigate the desirability of the Town's establishing methods or a plan of job evaluation or job classification with respect to Town employees, and if so, the particular methods or plan which would best serve the needs of the Town, said Committee to submit a report of its investigation not later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1958, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to meet the expenses of such Committee, or take any action relating thereto.

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Warrant Committee

We recommend adoption, the transfer of $300.00 from available funds and that the moderator appoint a committee consisting of a regular employee of the Town, a member of the Warrant Committee and three citizens at large.

The Warrant Committee is unable to act properly upon rate changes requested by the individual department heads. We have neither the time nor the technical skill to evaluate properly, not only job classifications within a department but also apparently similar jobs in different departments. This oftimes results in the creation and perpetuation of inequities. We believe the study committee can present to the Town a fair and workable plan.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 42G, 42H and 42 I of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, relating to special assessments to meet in whole or in part the cost of laying water pipes in public and private ways, or act in any way relating thereto.

Frank J. Fleming, Chairman
Betterment Assessment Study Committee

We recommend adoption for the reasons set forth in the Betterment Committee's written report.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a way that portion of Beach Street running from a line across Beach Street which is the extension of the westerly side line of land now or formerly of Marsden Scott and Eva R. Scott, shown as parcel 4-A on a plan recorded with Norfolk Deeds as Plan 372-1946 in Plan Book 137, to a line across Beach Street which is the extension of the northeasterly side line of Gunhouse Street, or act in any way relating thereto.

Committee on Sharon Lakefront

We recommend adoption for the reasons set forth in the Lake Front Committee's written report.

The cost of relocating the present fence, and acquisition and installation cost of new fencing is estimated at $1,950.00. This amount has been included in the Public Parks budget.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to study the present High School-Wilbur School building, and to make recommendations concerning any alterations and/or additions, to improve its suitability for use as a junior high school, and will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the costs of such study, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $3,500.00 from available funds for engineering and other expenses. We also recommend that the committee consist of Mr. Carl Baskin, Mr. Lee Blyler, one member of the School Committee, one member of the School Building Expansion Committee and one member from the Warrant Committee, said committee to elect its own chairman and fill any vacancies in its membership.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to continue the School Building Expansion Committee, raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the costs of engineering services and Committee expense, or take any action relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $500.00 from available funds. We also recommend retaining the present committee members in order that their program may continue.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to construct an elementary school on the Monk property, so-called, in accordance with plans and specifications presented by the East Elementary School Building Committee, raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the funds required to construct and

equip such building, elect or appoint a Committee of five to supervise and direct the construction, engage and approve such architectural, engineering and consulting services as it may deem necessary, appoint a Clerk of the Works, and negotiate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for financial assistance in connection with this project, or take any action relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption of this article. At the time of going to print, the plans for the East Elementary School are just going out for bids and consequently we do not know what the amount of money involved will be. We expect prior to the Town Meeting that the final figure will be known, and we can present our final recommendation at the meeting.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. By striking therefrom the entire Section 1 and Amendments, and substituting therefor the following:

   "Section 1. Establishment of Districts. For the purpose of the By-Law, the Town of Sharon is hereby divided into four classes of districts to be known as:

   1) Single Residence District A
   2) Single Residence District B
   3) General Residence Districts
   4) Business Districts

   The boundaries of the districts shall be the boundary lines shown on the map accompanying this By-Law entitled, "Town of Sharon, Massachusetts — Zoning Map", dated December, 1956, prepared by and bearing the signatures of the Planning Board, and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, which map is hereby made a part of this By-Law. The location of these boundary lines is further determined in Section 16."

2. By striking therefrom the entire Section 5 entitled, "Section 5. Trunk Highway Districts."

3. By striking therefrom the words "and Trunk Highway" as used in the heading and in the first sentence of Section 9, and striking therefrom the entire Paragraph (C) of Section 9.

4. By striking therefrom the following portions of Section 13:

   a) The words "and Trunk Highways" as used in the heading.

   b) The first paragraph, which begins "(A) Single Residence Districts. For the purpose of —" and ends "— is hereby made part of this By-Law."

   c) The entire paragraph (B) Trunk Highway Districts.

5. By striking therefrom the entire Paragraph (C) of Section 15, and renumbering the existing Paragraph (D) as Paragraph (C).,

   or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend adoption for the reasons set forth in the written report of the Planning Board entitled: "A Study of Industrial and Commercial Development in the Town of Sharon, Massachusetts."

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by striking out Section 21 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

Section 21. Board of Appeals. There is hereby established a Board of Appeals under the provisions of G. L. (Ter. Ed.) Chap. 40A, sec. 14. The Selectmen shall, within thirty days of the approval of this By-Law by the Attorney General, appoint three members of the Board of Appeals, one to serve until the appointment of his successor in the succeeding month of March, one to serve until the appointment of his successor in the second succeeding month of March, and one to serve until the appointment of his successor in the third succeeding month of March, and thereafter one member shall be appointed each March for a three year term to fill an expiring term. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as in the case of original appointments. Said Board shall elect annually a Chairman from its own number. The Selectmen shall in like manner and for like terms appoint three associate members of the Board of Appeals, and in case of a vacancy, inability to act, or interest on the part of a member of said Board, his place may be taken by an associate member designated by the Chairman. The Board of Appeals hereby established shall also act as the Board of Appeals under the building or planning by-laws.

In all cases where appeal is made to the Board of Appeals or in any other case where it is provided that said Board shall hold a public hearing, the applicant for said hearing shall be required to file in advance of the hearing such information as is deemed necessary. The Board shall;

(a) Give public notice of the Hearing, by publication in a newspaper published in the Town, if there be such a newspaper.

(b) Give adequate notice to all the owners of real estate opposite to and abutting on the property in connection with which the appeal is made.

(c) Give adequate notice to any other persons that the Board of Appeals shall indicate as affected by its decision.

(d) Post a notice of the Hearing upon the property in connection with which the appeal is made in a conspicuous location adjacent to a street.

Any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings made under the provisions of this By-Law, may appeal to the Board, by giving the Inspector of Buildings and said Board notice in writing within five (5) days from the date of the decision appealed from. Within ten (10) days from the date of an appeal the Board shall hold a public hearing and thereafter make and render a decision.

The Board may order or refuse a permit to issue and to this end shall have all the powers possessed by the Inspector of Buildings under the provisions of this By-Law.,

or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend adoption of this article. The present Zoning By-Laws require the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Warrant Committee to serve on the Board of Appeal. As Chairman of their Boards or Committees, they are usually much more involved than the other members. It would greatly reduce the work load of these three men if other citizens were to make up the Board of Appeals.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VI of the Building Law by striking out paragraph 2 thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

If Article 49 is adopted, we recommend adoption of this article because this paragraph of the Building Law will no longer be required.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen appoint a Town Forest Committee in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 21 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expenses of said Committee or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend adoption of this article for the reasons set forth in the written report of the Planning Board entitled: "The Sharon Town Forest," and the transfer from available funds of the sum of $500.00 to defray the expenses of this committee.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to incorporate into the Town Forest land now owned by the Town and shown on a plan entitled Sharon Town Forest, December 1956, or act in any way relating thereto.

The Planning Board

We recommend adoption for the reasons set forth in the written report prepared by the Planning Board entitled: "The Sharon Town Forest."

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding to Section 1 the following:

> That the Zoning By-Law be amended by withdrawing from the Single Residence District B, a certain area on South Main Street, and making said area a Business District subject to the Regulations set forth in said by-law. The area is more particularly described as being the entire block bounded Southeasterly by South Main Street, Southwesterly by Berkshire Avenue, Northwesterly by Carlton Road and Northeasterly by Hampshire Avenue, or act in any way relating thereto.

Rev. Richard McShane

We recommend no action. We agree with the Planning Board's recommendation which is based upon the following reasons.

1. **There is no apparent need for an enlarged business district in this section of Town.**
2. **The expansion of a business district to the opposite side of the street where one is already established is highly undesirable from the standpoint of safety.**

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to construct a storm drain on Pond Street between Tolman Street and Post Office Square, or act in any way relating thereto.

Lawrence E. Peck

We recommend no action. Because of the other street and drainage construction required this year we recommend that this project be postponed. We have an estimate of approximately $4,000.00 for this project.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section I, of the Town By-Laws by striking out Section I in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

Section I. At each Annual Town Election, the filling of expiring terms and vacancies in the Warrant Committee shall be by election on the Town ballot, for a term not exceeding three years.

Jerome W. Larason

We recommend no action. We believe that the sponsor's attempt to get better geographical distribution would not be accomplished by this article and would not be an improvement over the present election method.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a wading pool and/or making other improvements to the shore line of Hammershop Pond and abutting the Sharon Civic Foundation property on Ames Street, or take any action relating thereto.

Sharon Civic Foundation

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,500.00 from available funds. It will be a worthwhile addition to the facilities of the Playground.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote that the appropriations made by this Annual Town Meeting, together with all lawful sums to be paid this year, be raised by a tax upon the polls and property of the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon and the taxable property of non-residents, or be transferred from available funds, and that the sum received from the State Income Tax on intangible property be deducted from the gross appropriations for the year, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption as a routine article.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of January A. D. 1957.

ARNOLD D. BARTON,
DWIGHT P. COLBURN,
CLARENCE I. PETERSON
Selectmen of Sharon.

A true copy. Attest: EGITTO T. LAVEZZO, Constable.
Sharon, Massachusetts, January 17, 1957.

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Sharon: —

Our recommendations for this year total $1,580,000. Adjusting this figure for the transfer of available funds, State and County charges and estimated receipts, etc. we arrive at the amount to be raised by the real estate tax. You will see that in our calculations we do not expect much change in these items this year and the amount to be raised is $1,115,000.

Because we do not yet have a new assessed valuation figure based upon the work of the outside Assessors and because a better over-all estimate of your 1957 tax bill can be made if we work under the present system we have selected $17,500,000 as the valuation. This figure is based upon our estimate of the growth of the Town in 1956. The resulting tax rate would figure to be $63.75 per thousand, up $2.25 from the rate for 1956.

If you have a home, with an assessed value of $5,000 your tax bill can be expected to be, on this basis, $11.25 higher than last year. Also each $17,500 change in our recommendations would change your tax bill $1.00 per thousand or $5.00.

Beside the money for State and County Assistance for roads, which totals $45,000 this year, we recommend spending $95,000 on road and drainage repair and construction. $55,000 of this amount is in the Highway budget under Article 5. The rest is in special Articles and, in our opinion is all we can afford this year.

We have recommended $23,500 for new Public Works Department equipment. The Town owns approximately $120,000 worth of such machinery and good practice demonstrates it should be replaced within 5 to 6 years. The $23,500 is a part of this replacement program to a large extent.

Our anticipated net cost in 1957 for the present school construction financing is $159,000. This figure includes interest and principle payments. It is reduced by the expected reimbursement from the State and includes $5,000 on the East Sharon Elementary School program. When we start paying for the East Sharon Elementary School it will cost approximately $50,000 net for the first five years. This brings our school construction financing in 1958 to over $200,000 per year.

We have recommended that the heads of the various Departments increase their payrolls 5% to provide increases in pay rates. This amount is in addition to the recommended increases in hours and personnel. We have made specific recommendations for rate changes for elected officials. The new rates are as follows:

Moderators	$ 50.00	Assessor Clerk	$3255.00
Chairman of Selectmen	500.00	Third Assessor	950.00
Second Selectman	400.00	Town Clerk	1800.00
Third Selectman	400.00	Collector	4725.00
Treasurer	2200.00	Health Clerk	1380.00
Chairman of Assessors	1450.00		

The various Committees and Boards presenting reports to the Meeting have all done a thorough job. Their recommendations, without doubt, are in the Town's best interest.

Our recommendations to you have been made after serious examination and study of each Article in the Warrant. Where the reasons for our recommendations do not seem to be obvious we have attempted to indicate to you the basis of our opinion. We will be glad to try to answer your questions.

We wish to thank the Town officials and employees who have assisted us. They have freely given us their cooperation as well as all detailed information necessary to prepare for the Annual Meeting.

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Chapter 70, General Laws
TITLE: SCHOOL FUNDS AND STATE AID FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Item No.			
1.	Total appropriation(s) for the support of schools recommended by the Finance Committee for the current year.		$596,950.00
2.	Estimate of School Aid and State reimbursement.	$88,600.00	
3.	Estimate of other non-tax receipts on account of school support (tuitions, sale of supplies, etc.)	1,000.00	
4.	Total receipts on account of school support from all sources except local taxation (sum of items 2 and 3)		89,600.00
5.	Amount to be raised from local taxation for the support of schools (subtract item 4 from item 1)		$507,350.00

WARRANT COMMITTEE'S
COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX RATE
(With 1956 figures shown to permit comparison)

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	1956		1957	
Recommendations under Article 5	$1,245,687.46		$1,429,215.57	
Recommendations under Special Art.	117,763.00		153,916.00	
Total Recommendations	$1,363,450.46		$1,583,131.57	
Less Transfers from Available Funds	111,763.00		107,999.00	
Net Appropriation for Town Purposes	$1,251,687.46	$1,251,687.46	$1,475,132.57	$1,475,132.57
STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES:				
County Tax	$ 14,168.10		14,168.10	
County Hospital	4,447.75		4,447.75	
State Parks	850.52		850.52	
State Audit	1,640.85		1,640.85	
	$ 21,107.22		$ 21,107.22	
Overlay	40,000.00		40,000.00	
	$ 61,107.22	$ 61,107.22	$ 61,107.72	61,107.22
		$1,312,794.68		$1,536,239.79
Advance Appropriation or Deficits		40,000.00		6,615.55
Amount to be Raised		$1,352,794.68		$1,542,855.34
Estimated Receipts from Sources Other Than Real and Personal Property Taxes:				
State Income Tax	$ 88,635.07		$ 87,600.00	
Corporation Tax	22,684.20		21,680.00	
Meal Tax	1,270.06		1,270.06	
Licenses and Permits	388.50		284.00	
General Govt. Revenue	661.00		549.09	
Protection (Prin. Bldg. Inspection)	4,823.03		4,930.35	
Highway			658.27	
Health	669.00		321.00	
Charities (Prin. State Reim.)	32,625.40		31,959.79	
Schools	86,388.36		93,785.89	
Public Library	460.47		748.84	
Recreation (Parks)	4,966.50		4,387.79	
Water Department	74,839.54		65,699.98	
Motor Vehicle Excise	90,000.00		90,720.00	
Poll Taxes	3,700.00		4,250.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,478.93		1,873.98	
Interest (Inc. Treasurers Investment) (For 1957 of $15,371.56)	7,443.28		16,756.57	
	$ 422,033.34	$ 422,033.34	$ 427,475.61	$ 427,475.61
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES		$ 930,761.34		$1,115,379.73
Taxable Property		16,000,000.00		17,500,000.00
Tax Rate 1956 (Actual)	$61.50			
Estimated Tax Rate for 1957	$63.75			

INFORMATION FOR VOTERS
RECAPITULATION OF ARTICLE 5
COMPARISONS OF RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

	1956 Appropriations	1956 Expenditures	1957 Recommended	Increase from 1956 Appropriation	Decrease from 1956 Appropriation
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	$ 35.00	$ 35.00	$ 60.00	$ 25.00	.....
Warrant Committee	500.00	516.93	600.00	100.00	.....
Selectmen	2,900.00	2,627.74	3,224.00	324.00	.....
Accounting	3,953.00	3,953.00	4,576.00	623.00	.....
Treasurer	5,789.20	5,773.12	6,408.60	619.40	.....
Tax Collector	7,812.50	8,012.97	9,393.50	1,581.00	.....
Assessors	8,584.00	8,684.00	13,234.00	4,650.00	.....
Law	200.00	200.00	200.00	.....	.....
Town Clerk	4,930.00	5,037.47	5,368.00	438.00	.....
Elections, Registrations, Town Meetings	5,375.00	6,904.02	5,450.00	75.00	.....
Town Hall	19,700.00	21,579.10	7,675.00	.....	12,025.00
Total Gen. Govt.	$ 59,778.70	$ 63,323.35	$ 56,189.10	$ 8,435.40	$ 12,025.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	$ 43,492.00	$ 42,495.78	$ 62,956.80	$ 19,464.80	.....
Police Ambulance	850.00	879.15	1,000.00	150.00	.....
Civil Defense	2,635.00	2,454.29	1,425.00	.....	$ 1,210.00
Fire Department	32,500.00	30,007.90	34,444.24	1,944.24	.....
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00	78.72	100.00	25.00	.....
*Inspection of Buildings	2,960.00	2,710.00	2,800.00	.....	160.00
*Care of Trees	4,275.00	4,035.46	5.050.00	775.00	.....
*Insect Exterm. and Ivy Control	4,400.00	3,787.57	4,460.00	60.00	.....
*Dutch Elm Disease Control	3,065.00	3,065.00	3,525.00	460.00	.....
Total Protection	$ 94,252.00	$ 89,513.87	$ 115,761.04	$ 22,879.04	$ 1,370.00
HEALTH AND SANITATION					
Health Department	$ 11,078.00	$ 9,941.54	$ 16,750.00	$ 5,672.00	.....
Public Health Nurse	2,500.00	2,112.21	2,341.50	.....	$ 158.50
Vital Statistics	350.00	405.00	400.00	50.00	.....
Inspection of Animals	200.00	200.00	200.00	.....	.....
Total Health	$ 14,128.00	$ 12,658.75	$ 19,691.50	$ 5,722.00	$ 158.50
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE					
*Dept. of Public Works	$ 11,563.00	$ 13,108.83	$ 12,446.50	$ 883.50	.....
*Highway Department	64,025.00	64,014.86	71,385.00	7,360.00	.....
*Road Machinery	7,000.00	6,967.10	7,000.00	.....	.....
*Snow & Ice Removal	30,000.00	33,121.86	20,000.00	.....	$ 10,000.00
*Street Lighting	16,700.00	16,345.03	18,000.00	1,300.00	.....
*Street Signs	2,000.00	1,998.27	2,575.00	575.00	.....
*Sidewalk Maintenance	3,000.00	2,990.90	3,075.00	75.00	.....
*Sidewalk Construction	9,000.00	6,749.63	8,975.00	.....	25.00
Total Highway	$ 143,288.00	$ 145,296.48	$ 143,456.50	$ 10,193.50	$ 10,025.00
CHARITIES					
Public Welfare	$ 7,640.50	$ 3,495.95	$ 6,973.00	.....	$ 667.50
Aid to Dependent Children	15,815.50	15,582.32	20,948.00	$ 5,132.50	.....
Old Age Assistance	71,464.00	58,671.62	70,374.00	.....	1,090.00
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	2,555.02	3,500.00	500.00	.....
Total Charities	$ 97,920.00	$ 80,304.91	$ 101,795.00	$ 5,632.50	$ 1,757.50

	1956 Appropriations	1956 Expenditures	1957 Recommended	Increase from 1956 Appropriation	Decrease from 1956 Appropriation
EDUCATION					
Vocational Tuition	$ 500.00	$ 214.28	$ 500.00	.....	.....
School Department	501,378.00	491,979.04	596,950.00	$ 95,572.00	.....
Public Library	15,782.60	15,924.85	17,878.00	2,095.40	.....
Total Education	$ 517,660.60	$ 508,118.17	$ 615,328.00	$ 97,667.40	.....
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
Veterans' Benefits	$ 12,000.00	$ 8,984.21	$ 12,075.00	$ 75.00	.....
Care of Veterans' Graves	250.00	225.00	250.00	.....	.....
Total Veterans' Benefits	$ 12,250.00	$ 9,209.21	$ 12,325.00	$ 75.00	.....
UNCLASSIFIED					
Memorial Day	$ 600.00	$ 593.28	$ 600.00	.....	.....
Printing Town Reports	3,162.10	3,162.10	3,300.00	$ 137.90	.....
Norfolk County Retirement	8,932.24	8,732.24	11,431.25	2,499.01	.....
*Public Parks	8,695.00	9,177.55	11,495.00	2,800.00	.....
Town Clock	150.00	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
Board of Appeal	1,000.00	995.50	1,000.00	.....	.....
Town Dump	2,800.00	2,610.37	2.500.00	.....	$ 300.00
Gasoline Fund	7,500.00	7,437.75	8,500.00	1,000.00	.....
Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,496.86	1,500.00	.....	.....
Railroad Underpass	150.00	150.00	300.00	150.00	.....
Reserve Fund	2,000.00	7,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....
Planning Board	4,300.00	4,270.98	4,450.00	150.00	.....
Total Unclassified	$ 40,789.34	$ 45,776.63	$ 47,226.25	$ 6,736.91	$ 300.00
PUBLIC SERVICE					
*Water Department	$ 56,672.50	$ 56,508.69	$ 78,497.50	$ 21,825.00	.....
Railroad Parking Lot	1,000.00	991.27	.....	.....	$ 1,000.00
Total Public Service	$ 57,672.50	$ 57,499.96	$ 78,497.50	$ 21,825.00	$ 1,000.00
INTEREST, DEBT, INSURANCE					
Interest	$ 78,442.50	$ 77,442.50	$ 73,540.00	.....	$ 4,902.50
Bond Payments	169,980.95	172,000.00	172,000.00	$ 2,019.05	.....
Insurance	27,600.00	25,286.92	32,000.00	4,400.00	.....
Total Interest, Debt and Insurance	$ 276,023.45	$ 274,729.42	$ 277,540.00	$ 6,419.05	$ 4,902.50
GRAND TOTAL	$1,313,762.59	$1,286,430.75	$1,467,809.89	$ 185,585.80	$ 31,538.50
	— 38,043.03		— 38,594.32		
	$1,275,719.56		$1,429,215.57		

Deduct:		
A.D.C. (Fed.)	$ 6,707.75	$ 8,874.00
O.A.A. (Fed.)	30,112.00	28,487.00
Library (County Dog Reimbursement)	1,223.28	1,233.32
	$38,043.03	$38,594.32

*Department of Public Works

Respectively submitted,

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Sharon Warrant Committee.

There will be an open meeting for the discussion of all Articles in the Annual Town Warrant on Wednesday Evening, March 6, 1957 at 8:00 p.m. Meeting to be held in the High School Auditorium.

FROM THE OFFICE OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

February 11, 1957

Warrant Committee
Mr. Ralph Hayden, Jr.,
Chairman
Sharon, Massachusetts.

Warrant Article 55.

Dear Mr. Hayden: —

You have asked that we obtain the views of various Town Officials concerning Article 55 of this year's warrant, which proposes that the present method of selecting the Warrant Committee be abolished, and that election on the official ballot be substituted. We have conferred with the School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Trustees of the Public Library, Board of Health, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer with regard to the matter, and they concur in our view as follows:

We favor the retention of the present method. The Warrant Committee is the most important advisory body in Town, and we think it essential that its members be persons of experience and judgment in as many fields of municipal activity as is possible. The wide variety of problems on which the Committee must advise the Town makes this diversity of experience highly important.

The present method of electing the Warrant Committee has proved very satisfactory. The moderator's nominating committee have taken their responsibility seriously. Through a process of careful selection, they have nominated a well-balanced Committee, with capable representatives from many fields. Almost without exception, the town meeting has accepted their nominations.

We doubt that the calibre and balance of the Warrant Committee could be as well maintained under a different method of election, and we believe it would be unwise to make this important Committee a political and uncertain group, possibly chosen on the basis of popularity, rather than with regard for the needs of the Committee.

A bulletin of the Association of Town Finance Committees reads in part as follows: "In the great majority of our towns, members are appointed by the Moderators, who with quasi judicial approach have given serious thought to their appointees." We are informed by the Massachusetts Department of Accounts that since election by official ballot was made legal in 1951 for all towns who wish to change to that plan, no town in Massachusetts has adopted that method of selection.

Sincerely yours,

Board of Selectmen

Arnold D. Barton
Dwight P. Colburn
Clarence I. Peterson

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